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Inasmuch as each of the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 is in English, no further commentary by Applicant is believed necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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